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NEWS RELEASE

International Gang Awareness Day is Monday September 17th 2018

Date & Time: Monday, September 17, 2018

Location: World Wide

EL PASO, Texas – Monday, September 17, 2018 has been designated by the National Alliance of Gang Investigators Association (NAGIA) as International Gang Awareness Day. The El Paso Police Department together with Texas Gang Investigators Association join NAGIA in announcing International Gang Awareness Day, which raises global awareness of the dangers criminal street gangs pose to our communities. El Paso currently has 6,625 confirmed gang members and currently has one of six Texas Anti-Gang (TAG) Centers. On Tuesday, September 18, 2018 during El Paso City Government Council Meeting, a presentation will be presented proclaiming September as *Gang Free Texas Month*.

Below are some indicators to help parents identify potential gang activity:

- Admits to “hanging out” with kids in gangs
- Shows an unusual interest in one or two particular colors of clothing or a particular logo
- Has an unusual interest in gangster-influenced music, videos, movies or websites
- Has specific drawings or gang symbols on school books, clothes, walls, or tattoos
- Comes home with unexplained physical injuries (fighting-related bruises, injuries to hand/knuckles)
- Carries a weapon
- Exhibits negative changes in behavior such as withdrawing from family, declining school attendance, performance, staying out late without reason, displaying an unusual desire for secrecy, exhibiting signs of drug use, consistently breaking rules, and speaking in gang-style slang

The report suspected Gang activity call the El Paso Police Department’s GANG TIP line at (915) 212-4264 that is (915) 212-GANG for emergencies call 911.

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